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GENTLE LAUNDERING BEST FOR SWEATERS

Get out your tape measure before you start to wash a wool sweater or a knitted suit, says _____, _____, _____.
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Measure the length and the breadth of the body and also of the sleeve, and keep the measurements handy to use when you want to restore the garment to its original dimensions after washing.

Sweaters and knitted suits require frequent freshening. Handle them gently throughout the job, and they will come out soft and fluffy and fit you as well as ever. To keep the wool from shrinking use lukewarm washing and rinsing waters, and avoid any sudden change of temperature at any stage of the work. Never twist or wring knitted wear in the hands, and never hang it up to dry. The weight of the water will stretch the garment out of shape.

Make a soap solution or jelly of neutral soap and whip it into good suds. Use much more water in proportion to the bulk of material to be washed than for nonwoolen fabrics. Do not rub soap directly on the garment. Squeeze and work the piece in the suds without rubbing. Wash again in suds of the same lukewarm temperature, and rinse at least twice also in lukewarm water.

Each time press out excess water between two turkish towels or wring also between towels in a loosely set wringer. But take care not to stretch the garment.

Dry in a moderately warm place, but not near a stove or in strong sunlight. Spread the garment out on several thicknesses of clean soft material laid flat. Lay the sleeves out flat according to the dimensions taken, see that there are no bulges in a skirt, and that the skirt is straight with the line of knitting. Pin the garment in place if necessary. When almost dry, turn it on the cloth. Steaming or pressing makes garments look more finished.

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